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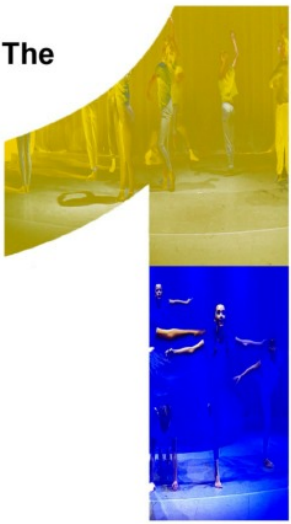
The  th

Anniversary Shows

Swavesey Village College

April Burgess Martin School of Ballet
Jack Stinton Dance Company

Saturday 27th January 2018

At Swavesey Venue
Matinee – 2pm
Evening -7pm
£7
(Family Ticket 4 people £24)
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EDITORIAL

Here we are nearly at the end of another year and as always there are events to look forward to. December sees a Community Choir concert. January the RADSOC pantomime (oh no it doesn't -oh yes it does!) January also sees the 10th Energise dance showcase involving young dancers from not only Cambridgeshire but also Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk. And of course later in the year Swavesey Festival.

Remember if you have a poster you want to display on the noticeboard at the bus way to contact me and I will put it up for you. This is especially useful if you missed a deadline and cannot put it in the magazine.

Got some time on your hands after the Christmas rush is over? Why not write us a small article for the February /March issue? We welcome contributions (just be sure to send them on time) and fresh input keeps your magazine alive and interesting. Your experiences/holiday tales/reminiscences- send them to the Editor (editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk).

All the Meridian team wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The deadline for the February/March issue is **December 20**.
Editor

Cover Image - Frosty Day by Edwin Parish
Inside Front Cover - Energise - Dance Showcase
Inside Back Cover - RADSOC Pantomime
Back Cover - Village Christmas Carol Events

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

02 December 2017	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival with Craft Fayre: angels and stars display, craft stalls, refreshments and children's activities. 10am – 4pm, 01954 230971
03 December 2017	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival: angels and stars display, refreshments and children's activities. 2 – 4pm, 01954 230971
16 December 2017	Swavesey Community Choir	Come and Carol - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church, admission free
23 December 2017	St Andrews & Bethel	Swavesey Christmas Carols on The Village Green 6pm to 7.pm, admission free
19 January 2018	RADSOC	2018 Pantomime - Once upon a time 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
20 January 2018	RADSOC	2018 Pantomime - Once upon a time 2.30pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
21 January 2018	RADSOC	2018 Pantomime - Once upon a time 2.30pm at Swavesey Village College
27 January 2018	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	"Energise – Dance Showcase 2.00pm and 7.00pm at Swavesey Venue. Tickets - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or Telephone: 01954 230 366"
7 July 2018	Swavesey Festival	Gala Day on the Green

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December		
Saturday 2	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival with Craft Fayre: angels and stars display, craft stalls, refreshments and children's activities. 10am – 4pm, 01954 230971
Sunday 3	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival: refreshments and children's activities. 2 – 4pm, 01954 230971
Sunday 3	St Andrews Church	Christingle Service 4:30pm
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
Wednesday 13	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Christmas Social. The usual mixture of food, wine and member's memorabilia. A good chance to get to know each other!
Thursday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 16	Swavesey Community Choir	Come and Carol - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church, admission free
Monday 18	Swavesey Parish Council	Full Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 21	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 23	St Andrews & Bethel	Swavesey Christmas Carols on The Village Green 6pm to 7.pm, admission free
Saturday 30	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Saturday)
January		
Saturday 6	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin Only (Note Saturday)
Wednesday 10	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	"Dragonflies of Cambridgeshire" Presented by Val Perrin from the British Dragonfly Society
Thursday 11	Swavesey Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 12	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
Thursday 18	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 19	RADSOC	2018 Pantomime - Once upon a time 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
Saturday 20	RADSOC	2018 Pantomime - Once upon a time 2.30pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
Sunday 21	RADSOC	2018 Pantomime - Once upon a time 2.30pm at Swavesey Village College
Monday 22	Swavesey Parish Council	Full Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 27	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	"Energise – Dance Showcase 2.00pm and 7.00pm at Swavesey Venue. Tickets - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or Telephone: 01954 230 366"

CONTACT US

We love to hear from you but please can you contact us using the editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk email address only.

Please do not use our personal emails as this can lead to confusion and could mean your query does not reach the right person!
Thank you
Editor.

CLUB REPORTS

SWAVESEY W.I.

Dates for your Diary

Dec 11th CIRCUS WORKSHOP by Cambridge Community Circus.

Jan 8th RESOLUTIONS AND SWAP SHOP

Future Date.....March 8th 2018.....International Womens Day.
Swavesey W.I. will be celebrating this event. Look out for posters in the New Year for more information.
Make a note of the date!

In October, our W.I. enjoyed their Harvest Supper. The Memorial Hall suitably decorated , was very well attended by our members and visitors who tucked in to a Ploughmans Supper followed by a variety of fruit crumbles and custard. All washed down with wine or cider!.

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visit the Memorial Hall Noticeboard, which is kept up to date with all our news. You can also find us at The Compass Cafe every second Thursday of the month serving delicious cakes and fresh coffee.

Swavesey W.I. would like to wish all the readers of the Meridian a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2018.

If you would like more information about any of our meetings, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897.

www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

Swavesey & District History Society

September meeting. The new season opened with a room packed full of members and visitors eager to hear Swavesey resident, Selwyn, give a talk on Fenland Farming 60 or 70 years ago, illustrated by around 60 slides from the time. In the fens to the north west of Downham Market in Norfolk was a large farm built in 1847 which was compulsorily purchased from the lord of the manor by Norfolk County Council in 1919. His father was one of six smallholders sharing the extensive farm buildings and the surrounding highly productive fenland. The land in this part of the fens lies at 2 metres below mean sea level and is kept drained by powerful pumps at Wiggenhall St. Germans, south of Kings Lynn, which lift the low level water up into the river Great Ouse.

The main crops grown were potatoes and sugar beet, with a small area of strawberries on almost every smallholding throughout the parish and often a few acres of onions or peas. Cereals were grown, almost reluctantly, to preserve the crop rotation. Almost all farms kept chickens because the weekly income from eggs was conveniently paid in cash and most kept pigs, with the occasional house cow to provide milk, butter and cream.

Potato picking was a very labour intensive job at that time since it was all done by hand. Most of the work was done by women because the farmer paid a woman a lower wage than a man for doing the same job. However, strawberry picking was done by piecework which meant that the picker was paid per pound weight picked. Many of the women were faster pickers than the men and easily earned enough to pay for a new washing machine, refrigerator or a family holiday in a caravan at Hunstanton. Sugar beet growing also involved much hand labour since soon after emergence the crop had to be chopped out by hoe and singled by hand then later the weeds within the rows were removed by more hoeing because there were few herbicides available. At harvest, after the beet were mechanically squeezed out of the ground from underneath, they were pulled up by hand and knocked together to remove soil then topped by hand and loaded up onto carts. Heaps of beet were usually made along the roadside ready to be loaded by hand into a lorry for transport to the factory at Wissington. At cereal harvest, and particularly when threshing corn stacks, farmers worked together in gangs as they moved around each farm. It was not unusual to have ten men working in dusty conditions on the stacks and around the threshing tackle.

Tools on display included a seed potato tray, potato picking basket, potato ladle (fork), potato sack with sack-needle and string, sugar beet ladle, beet topping hook, scythe and rubstone. Unfortunately there was insufficient time during coffee break for attendees to have a go at sharpening the scythe with the rubstone.

October meeting. Nearly sixty people attended to hear Eddy Edwards from Welney give a thoroughly well-researched talk on The Hovertrain Experiments which took place within 5 miles north of Over/Swavesey in the early 1970s.

About three quarters of a mile south of Sutton Gault there are three vertical concrete slabs, each around three feet tall, standing in line adjacent to the Old Bedford River. They were erected in 1972 and are almost all that is left of an elevated concrete "guideway" track planned to run between Earith and Sutton Gault and on which a hovertrain was to be tested. Cambridgeshire County Council erected an information board nearby a few years ago which has some information about the hovertrain experiments.

The principle was that a cushion of air would suspend the train above the track as already used in hovercraft on the sea. It was propelled by a linear electric motor with no moving parts and using a trackside electrical supply with no overhead wires. The developers, Tracked Hovercraft Ltd, (THL), a subsidiary of the government agency the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), predicted that the journey from London to Birmingham would take around 20 minutes and London to Edinburgh about 90 minutes since it would travel at around 240 to 300 miles per hour.

A site was sought where a dead-straight track, 20 miles long, could be built and the stretch alongside the Old Bedford River from Earith to Salters Lode was considered ideal. Construction of ancillary works started in June 1969 at Earith and by June 1970 one mile of guideway track was finished at low level. Construction of a high level track on pylons continued in the Sutton Gault area since the train was intended to speed through the countryside high above existing infrastructure but in July 1970 a serious collapse of this stretch occurred. In August 1971 RTV31 (Research Test Vehicle), weighing 22 tons and the only train built, was delivered by road to Earith from Vickers-Armstrong in Swindon and at its first public demonstration in December it reached 12 mph. During 1972 work continued to lengthen the track to 3 miles and plans were made for a 12 mile track which engineers now said was needed in order to attain 300 mph.

In January 1973 the hovertrain achieved 107 mph but in the next month, February 1973, the project was abandoned, partly due to insufficient government funding and partly because British Rail seemed to be making good progress with their Advanced Passenger Train (APT) which tilted on corners for extra speed. Additionally BR had the advantage of already established infrastructure including tracks and a large passenger base. The APT project also failed within a few years.

As well as the two meetings reported above we also had a packed hall on 21 November to hear Anthony Haskins and James Fairbairn's fascinating presentation on The Great Fen Spitfire.

The History Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month in The Global Environment Centre at Swavesey Village College – through the main entrance then 30 metres along the corridor to the right. Our meetings, which start at 7.30 p.m. are very friendly, attract a big audience and are open to everyone who has any interest in local history. No need to book so just walk in and you will be made most welcome. There is an annual subscription, collected in January, but single meetings can be attended for a small cost. If you want further information contact our Secretary, Carolyn Redmayne, on 01954 230037.

The next two meetings are -

Tuesday 12 December (yes, second Tuesday). Three short talks by members then an even shorter AGM plus mince pies etc., bickys, chocolates, coffee and tea.

Tuesday 16 January. Edith Cavell- saviour or spy. (Carole Pook).

Other early 2018 topics will include the origin of English names, the story of Cambridge in one hole, the history of Fulbourn hospital and best foot forward (?).

For the full 2018 programme check out our website
www.swaveseyanddistricthistorysociety.uk/

SWAVESEY SPARTANS FC

As you open your Advent Calendars and munch on the daily ration of chocolate it is also time to fill out the columns of the 2018 Family Organisers. Why not note some key football dates:-

- Last day of the Premier League - 13 May
- FA Cup Final - 19 May
- Champions League final - 26 May
- League 2 Play Off final - 28 May
- World Cup 2018 - 14 June to 15 July from Russia
- Spartans Day - tradition would say Sunday 17 June (Father's Day), but we have also aligned with Swavesey Festival over the past decade. The 2018 Festival is 2 weeks later than the norm, so hold that pen and await the outcome of an enthralling committee debate before jotting down the date of the premier football festival next summer - a local winner or two guaranteed.

2017/18:- The Spartans 2017/18 season is now in full flow and after the repair work of the last 3 years Swavesey Green is back in action with Ronaldo Chops and Cruyff Turns in regular supply on both Saturdays and Sundays between now and early May. Swavesey Pavilion is normally open for refreshments so even if you don't like the beautiful game a bacon buttie and a hot drink is an offering you may want to consider on a crisp Saturday morning from 10.00hrs onwards? We also like to thank residents for keeping the Green free of rubbish, glass and dog excrement, please keep up the good work as children's safety is our top priority.

Shall we stick to football? Our under 12 boys are a diverse sporting bunch who hold their own in the Colts League but might top a multi-sport competition? We have swimmers, rugby players, cricketers (3 of whom are county regulars with another 2 just missing out having secured 2018 trials) and a national martial arts champion, Remember Phil Neville may have 59 England football caps but he also captained England under 15s at cricket shining in the company of "Freddie" Flintoff. Perhaps a current Spartan will go on and flourish on a different sporting field in years to come?

White Horse:- we hold our monthly meetings on a Monday night in our local hostelry. We welcome the new landlord and landlady and wonder whether Darren is going to turn back the years, get into a slightly larger black kit and show the Spartans crowds those officiating skills that graced the local football scene 10 years ago?

Facts we are asked:-we have boys and girls teams with leagues starting in school year 2 and our oldest players in the sixth form. We have players who only want to train. Fees start at £55 for the season and the most expensive fees are currently £100. The fees cover astro turf fees, club insurance and mandatory costs that the club needs to comply with including ensuring we remain FA Chartered. Our players are eligible for any offers that come our way

from Cambridge United - free tickets or discounted soccer schools are the norm. We train on grass up until 30 Sep and after Easter. During the period in between it is one hour midweek on SVC Astro (by exception we use Over Community Centre because we can't get SVC slots to support nearly 20 teams). We normally train until end May. We have our annual club celebration on Fathers Day (or not?) in June where we have an intra club day on Swavesey Green. Each player receives a memento every year and league teams have a most improved player as well as players and manager annual awards. All of our teams play in blue and players mainly come from Swavesey and Fen Drayton. Each team plays around 20 league games and from under 9 they have an annual cup to play for. We actively support both boys and girls football and encourage our over 14s to attain coaching/match officials qualifications; adults (not necessarily parents) are also welcome to join our coaching and

DARK DAYS AHEAD

When the clocks went back at the end of October the long Winter evenings seemed to stretch ahead for ever, but already Christmas is almost here and as usual good old Swavesey has provided us with many social events to amuse us and keep us going until Spring; maybe we in SCC have played a small part in this, several of us being seen photographing all this activity, and also by inviting you along to join us on any of our interesting club evening talks.

Soon we will have a break for Christmas and New Year while the college is closed.; in December there are only 2 meetings, a talk from the highly-qualified Jim Hartje on methods of digital imagery, drawing the fine line between inventive photography and undesirable trickery. (Dec.7th).

On 14th December we have our popular party, the President's Evening, with festive refreshments and many party games devised by our President, each with a photographic slant.

Our opening night on January 11th leaves the floor to our members; several volunteers will show us their recent work, maybe holiday experiences, audio -visual shows, who knows until the night. This is often a preview for our Annual Exhibition in April so then you will all be able to enjoy them too. We have one internal competition, the Annual Colour Print, on 18th January; there is a change to the rules this year, images can be up to 4 years old instead of 2 as in the past. That leaves time for only one more talk in January, on the 25th, which should be of interest to a wider circle. Micki Aston is a professional who specialises in Landscape and Monochrome, but shoots absolutely anything she finds interesting, beautiful or unusual.

An advance notice: On the 1st February, when you might not have yet received your next magazine, our own David Davies will show us more of his fantastic astronomical images, and this time he will demonstrate how he obtains his spectacular results.

Until then ***WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.***

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club

What a difference a year makes

June 2016 was cold and wet, which meant many plants were attacked by mildew. Strawberries had to be picked quickly and onions were stunted in growth so they didn't keep well over the winter period, many developing neck rot. The season did recover and many warmth-loving plants sprang into life in July and August, giving allotment holders a later crop than normal and I personally was picking sweetcorn until early October.

Move forward to 2017 and the warmer, drier spring and early summer resulted in plants getting well established before a wet July and August speeded up the growth and gave bumper crops of fruit and vegetables. The onions filled out nicely and it wasn't unusual to get 3 and 4 cobs of sweetcorn per plant. Runner beans were a heavy cropper and squashes grew to large sizes. I had several butternut weighing at least 2 Kg.

The downside of this was that due to the early start a lot of the produce was over by the end of August and when we had our open sale day in mid-September we were not able to offer the variety of fruit and vegetables that we would have hoped for. There was plenty there to tempt the village customers however and despite the unkind weather conditions over that weekend it was well attended and we would like to express our gratitude for all the support we received from the community.

We can only look forward to next year and see what the British climate throws at us. Each year presents a different challenge and non-allotment holders may wonder why we carry on, and indeed like all other sites in the country a 5 – 10% fallout each year is not unusual. When the site was set up in autumn 2012 the people applying for allotments fell into roughly three groups. Group 1 were those that had had allotments for some years and to whom this was a way of life. Group 2 were those that had grown vegetables in their back gardens and fancied upscaling. Most of the applicants were in this group and have managed their plots well resulting in, on the whole, a well-kept allotment site. People from these two groups only tend to give up through moving away or infirmity and thankfully nobody has given up due to the later. Group three were those who hadn't grown vegetables before and thought they would prefer home grown vegetables, which would be tastier (without doubt) and cheaper (possibly), rather than purchasing from the supermarkets. This group provides the largest percentage of those giving up as they quickly realise that the time and commitment needed doesn't necessarily fit in with their life style. If anyone feels they would be suited to the enjoyment that many of us find in running an allotment it is well worth putting your name down on the waiting list.

Growing flowers on allotments

Many may presume that allotmenteers only grow fruit and vegetables but quite a few of us grow a variety of flowers for cutting. The most popular on the Hale Road site seem to be gladioli, sunflowers, sweet Williams and dahlias although that is not the full list. I like to use rows of flowers to divide my plot for crop rotation and when we started up the allotments I planted 25 gladioli bulbs across the plot. The bulbs have just been left in the ground and without any undue care and attention allowed to split naturally so this year I picked over 100 stems from those initial 25 bulbs.

This year I decided to try perennial chrysanthemums. I have grown them before on other allotment sites but this was my first attempt on Hale Road. The blooms have been stunning and the smell they give off is very evocative of autumn. They will take a lot more care to get them through the winter, however, as they do not like temperatures below -5 C and previously I have had varying amounts of success. Flower growing by allotment holders certainly adds welcome colour to the site.

Russell, plot 25

rspb giving nature a home

An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

What's been happening

Volunteers and staff have, as always, had a busy autumn on the reserve with the usual autumn tasks like bringing in and repairing terns rafts, cutting and burning nesting islands, raking our valuable and sensitive area of acid grassland and cutting reed and brash to restore viewpoints. We also took time out to celebrate the value and commitment of our volunteers, some of whom reached their tenth year of involvement in 2017.

Meanwhile the RSPB is working hard to secure the commitment and support of its members by asking them to actively opt-in to receiving communications, so that it can keep in touch after new data protection legislation comes into force next May. If you're a member or plan to join soon, please do help us get the most from your support by taking this important step at **rspb.org.uk/yes**

The autumn also saw a fairly new approach to improving lake and water's edge habitats, with the controlled felling of willow trees into the water and along the banks of the two largest lakes, Ferry Lagoon and Drayton Lagoon. The work will break up the dominant and relatively barren willow. This will provide refuge and breeding habitat for aquatic creatures, improve nesting and feeding opportunities for many birds and encourage the growth of marginal plants such as bulrush and reed. Valuable bramble and scrub will also be able to thrive by taking advantage of the extra space and light. Some of the work will also improve flood protection by protecting banks from erosion and tree root damage by reducing the wave action and improving vegetation cover on susceptible areas. Many of the trees will re-sprout from the base, to create the next generation of willow.

Visit **rspb.org.uk/reserves**

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076. Scotland no. SC037654

Wildlife

This autumn put Fen Drayton Lakes on the map as the go-to place to see herons. Up to around 60 little egrets, 40 grey herons and 3 great white egrets, feeding among the 200 or so cormorants was a sight to behold.

Numbers of wintering wildfowl, such as wigeon, have grown nicely into the winter. The reserve depends more on suitability of conditions for other winter visitors, such as black-tailed godwits, but we hope to see numbers swell soon.

Dominant willow trees and deep, open water on Ferry Lagoon: An attractive picture but not much good for wildlife, or for seeing wildlife.

Get involved

We have several opportunities to get involved with our work through volunteering. There are roles to suit all levels of ability, fitness and commitment, so if you've been thinking about it, please do get in touch for more information.

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes
Phone 01954 233260

Swavesey Festival 2018.

30th JUNE – 8th JULY.

GALA DAY ON THE GREEN 7TH JULY.

Theme for 2018; "Swavesey through the Ages"

Planning for the next Swavesey festival is now well underway; please make a note of the dates and keep them free- there should be plenty to do and keep you entertained during the week.

Several events are already in hand- some you will be familiar with and some are brand new. Among the traditional events will be an exhibition from the Meridian Quilters and other local artists, open gardens, scarecrows, decorated houses, the village craft and produce show and our spectacular Gala Day with stalls, live music and fireworks.

For new events we will have an outdoor theatre presentation from the celebrated "Pantaloons" group (***theepantaloons.co.uk***) with a production of **"The Importance of being Earnest"** on Market Street Green on the evening of Friday 6th July. On 4th July there will be a screening of **"Any Major Dude"**- a comedy from Swavesey's own film director Mike Swain- filmed in and around Swavesey and with many villagers as extras in the film. There will be a major exhibition of **Swavesey history** in St. Andrews Church, a **1940s style café** and entertainment in the Memorial Hall, and a **Craft Fair and Dog Show** on the final Sunday. Plenty to look forward to!

Hopefully by the time this comes out the new website at ***swaveseyfestival.org.uk*** should be up and running with images from previous festivals and festival events and with a programme of events and details of how to get tickets. We can also be found on Facebook.

We are always looking for help and new ideas so if you have an idea for an event you would like to run or sponsor please contact us. It does not mean you have to join the committee or attend committee meetings but the festival can give help with finding venues, publicity and other support. If you have ideas or want to get involved please contact me on **simonshore99@gmail.com**.

Simon Shore Swavesey Festival Committee

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.
To take part in this popular competition phone
Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	September 2017	October 2017
First prize	60	Sue Braybrook	B. Dye
Second prize	30	Margaret Springer	S. Thoreycroft
Third prize	15	Ena Kerrie	D Shaw

The Crafty Ladies
Craft group
Meet in the Memorial Hall,
back room, on Monday afternoons
1.30 - 4.00

Ladies come and join us for an afternoon of crafting and chat

All Welcome

Cost £2.00

For more information contact
Linda Saunders 01954 201162

VILLAGE NEWS

What have the Romans ever done for us?

OK we all know that sketch, but how many can you name? And do we really care?

I think as a community we do, the mention of 'housing developments', 'school places' and 'flood management' certainly gets people talking quite passionately. After all, we all have a view what the village needs and where it needs it.

Some residents have got together to form the Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan (NP) group. We're working together to form a community plan that will become a statutory document and will be used when any planning application decision is made. Do you fancy joining us to shape the future of Swavesey?

We've only been operating as a group since January 2017 and I'm delighted to say that we have achieved so much:

- We have formed a steering group and activity based working groups
- We have a project plan and have established stakeholders in the community
- We continue to gather evidence that relates to land within Swavesey
- We have been holding stalls at events to showcase who we are and what we are doing
- We have rolled out a Pre-consultation survey to establish the key issues of the community (to feed into the main survey)
- We are planning to consult with everyone in the village next year!
- We are working with Cambridgeshire ACRE and a professional planning consultant to identify our next steps and apply for grant funding
- We are the lead partner in a Cambridgeshire County Neighbourhood Plan working group to share experiences and best practise

I think it's fair to say that this is remarkable progress to date. We certainly didn't expect to be the first group in the country to instigate a county Neighbourhood Plan working group but it's been a success and further meetings have been warmly welcomed.

We are continuously looking to engage with the community by showing a presence at any events held within the village. If you'd like a member of the group to attend an event or hold a talk at a local meeting please contact Linda Miller (clerk@swavesey.org.uk).

We always welcome new (and old) faces at NP group meetings. I think we're a friendly bunch! Steering group meetings take place on the first Monday of the month (excluding Bank Holidays). Please see the Swavesey Parish Council website and click on Neighbourhood Plan for more details.

And for those who completed reading the article the answer is; sanitation, medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, a fresh water system, and public health. But apart from that…

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Village Market Day is Red letter Day for Over Day Centre

A thriving artisan food and crafts market in the village of Over has donated its profits to the village Day Centre for older people.

Over Village Food & Craft Market's treasurer Abby Baker said, "We always planned that if we generated a surplus in our funds that we wanted to support a local charity. And so we were very pleased to hand over a cheque for £300 to the Over Day Centre at our recent market."

Over Village Market was set up and is still run by three local food producers, Rosegate Farm, who recently became Cambridgeshire Food and Drink Awards Producer of the Year, Fen End Country Kitchen and Orb Bakery.

"We had been trading successfully at farmers' markets around the county," said Mark Webb of Orb Bakery. "We really liked them and thought that here was an idea that would work in Over."

Heather Sturman from Fen End Country Kitchen added, "Since we started in 2015 we have run fifteen markets. The initiative has been a resounding success with a wide variety of local food, arts & craft producers coming to Over, most of which are small, home-based businesses."

Mark enthused, "Our greatest achievement though, is that the market has become a wonderful community event. Friends and family meet up for coffee and a chat, and recently, we were joined by some local young musicians to provide entertainment for us all; it really is village life at its very best!"

Future markets take place on 27 January & 10 March (10am-12.30pm) on Over Village Green.

The summer reading Scheme for young Readers was a great Success. Join our Readers of all ages.

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters and notices on Swavesey Village life.

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	202707	Sarah Hellon	230960
Jacqui Fuller	230774	Sue Jones	230650
John Pook	230978	Doug and Lorraine Hunt	232478

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Stay Well this winter

Winter weather can be seriously bad for our health. Being cold can aggravate existing conditions and raise the risk of increased blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. However, there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter.

Get expert advice from your pharmacist
If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice on the best treatment from your local pharmacist.

- **Make sure you get your free flu jab**
  Flu is a highly contagious and can cause serious complications for at risk groups. Adults over 65; those with long-term health conditions; children aged two to eight; carers and pregnant women may all be eligible for a free flu vaccination – ask your GP practice today.
- **Stock up your medicine cabinet**
  A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home and will save you going out if you feel unwell. Ask your pharmacist about essential medicines to keep at home.
- **Keep warm**
  Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.
- **Get the right help**
  Make sure you're receiving all the help you are entitled to. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and take advantage of financial schemes to keep up with energy bills. Visit www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell for details.

For further information on staying well this winter visit www.nhs.uk/staywell

Extracts from Swavesey and Over Surgery Newsletters

Children's flu
Childrens nasal flu vaccines are now available for children 2 and 3 years – please contact Swavesey surgery to book an appointment!

Fever in Children
When to seek urgent medical advice

Contact your GP or health visitor urgently if your child:

- is under three months old and has a temperature of 38C (100.4F) or above
- is between three and six months old and has a temperature of 39C (102.2F) or above

You should also see your GP if your child has other signs of being unwell, such as persistent vomiting, refusal to feed, floppiness or drowsiness.

Treating a fever
If your child has a fever, it's important to keep them hydrated by giving them plenty of cool water to drink. Babies should be given plenty of liquids, such as breast milk or formula. Even if your child isn't thirsty, try to get them to drink little and often to keep their fluid levels up.

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Christmas Opening Times

	Over Surgery	Over Pharmacy	Swavesey Surgery/Dispensary
Monday 25th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday 26th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 27th Dec	07:00 - 18:00*	08:30 to 14:30	08:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 18:00
Thursday 28th Dec	08:00 - 18:00	08:30 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00	08:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 17:00
Friday 29th Dec	08:00 - 18:00	08:30 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00	08:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 16:00
Saturday 30th Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 31st Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 1st Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough age UK

Swavesey Community Warden Scheme

Support for independent living
Regular contact gives peace of mind
Extra support during times of need

Some examples of how the warden can help you:

- a listening ear
- making drinks and light meals
- watering plants
- feeding pets
- getting small items of shopping
- collecting prescriptions
- information and guidance

There is a small fee for the service which can be on a temporary or permanent basis according to need.

To contact the Community Warden Call 07436 102 736

Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, 2 Victoria Street, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire PE16 6AP

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

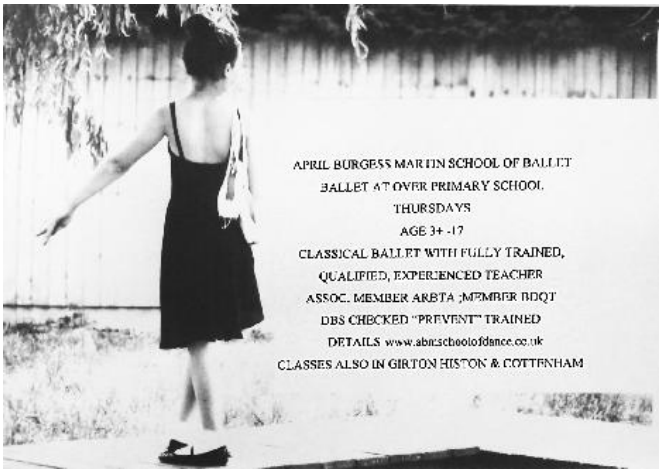
Check out our new class: RS Rockets

Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning? Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/


APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
BALLET AT OVER PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAYS
AGE 3+ -17
CLASSICAL BALLET WITH FULLY TRAINED,
QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED TEACHER
ASSOC. MEMBER ARBTA ;MEMBER BDQT
DBS CHECKED "PREVENT" TRAINED
DETAILS www.abmschoolofdance.co.uk
CLASSES ALSO IN GIRTON HISTON & COTTENHAM

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Try something new with our Saturday Workshops on 10th & 17th March

Dichroic Glass Jewellery
Experimenting with Watercolours
Spring Flower Bouquets
Stone Carving …..and many more

NEW Classes already confirmed for our spring term -
Patchwork & Quilting plus help with unfinished projects
Zumba
Aerobics
Dynamic Mindfulness
Italian Cuisine- Pasta Making

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups". A great chance to meet local parents.

Swavesey Primary School

Swavesey Primary School Tour and Talk for prospective Reception children (Sept 2018)

Our Head Teacher, Mrs Anna-Claire Norden, will hold three Tour and Talk sessions for those parents who are interested in attending.They will be held one the following dates:-

Friday 1st December 2017 – starting 9.30am, finishing 10.30am
Wednesday 6th December 2017 – starting 1.30pm, finishing 2.30pm

The information that will be shared at these events will be the same so you only need to attend one of them. You can turn up on whichever day suits you best.

Early Years and Playwork Centre at Swavesey Primary School

We have fantastic and exciting new play space for pre-school age children!
Our Early Years and Play work Centre are offering **30 hour funding** for those who are eligible and have limited spaces for two year olds.

Our sessions run from 9am -12pm and 12pm – 3pm, with the option of a breakfast club from 7.30am and lunch until 1pm

Please contact us for more information.
Swavesey Primary School Office@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or Tel: 01954 273312

Indian-spiced vegetable chutney (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients
2 lb butternut squash (seeded, peeled and roughly chopped), 2 onions, finely chopped, 8 oz. peeled, cored and chopped cooking apples, 3 courgettes, halved long ways and chopped (else 1 cucumber), 15 fl. oz. cider vinegar, 2 Tbsp medium or hot curry powder, 2 oz. chopped, stoned, ready to eat dates, 1 tsp ground cumin, 1 inch piece of root ginger, either grated or finely chopped, 1lb granulated or light, soft brown sugar.

Method
Put all the ingredients, less the sugar, into a large, heavy saucepan, pour over the vinegar, add the spices and ginger then mix well. Bring to the boil then reduce heat and simmer for 40 – 45 minutes or until the vegetables are soft, stirring occasionally. Add sugar, stir until it is dissolved then continue to simmer. Cook for 1 - 1½ hours or until chutney is thick and liquid is absorbed. Keep stirring until the end to ensure chutney doesn't stick to the pan.

Put mixture into sterilised jars, making sure there are no air gaps. Cover with wax paper disc, seal and label.

Store the chutney in a cool, dark place for approximately 1 month to allow it to mature. Keeps for 12 months sealed. If opened, keep in fridge.

Swavesey Primary School PTA

First of all, the Swavesey Primary School PTA would like to thank **EVERYONE** who helped us raise **£6400.00** in the last academic year. From attending our Fireworks Night to putting the effort into providing or baking (or, of course, buying!) for one of our cake sales, it's all appreciated! All this wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our school teachers and staff, and of course, **you!**

THANK YOU!

What we do

The PTA is a registered charity, made up of parents and teachers of children from the primary school that help organise, advertise and run events to raise money for the school. We meet one evening a month to discuss and plan what's coming up.

Last year we helped organise the old favourites, as well as some new events; cinema nights, cake sales, end of term discos (groovy glow-sticks and all), the infamous PTA Quiz Night, the fantastic Summer Fete and (our favourite), Fireworks Night.

Money raised is often used to pay for those little extras that can **make a school a bit special**, be it an interactive whiteboard or a school trip to the theatre.

However, within the present financial situation our school, like all Cambridgeshire schools, finds itself in, budgets at this time are extremely tight and the new national funding formula is not set to improve this picture. Therefore, the **monies raised** may be needed not just for the little extras but for some of the basics such as books, curriculum provision and subscriptions for software.

How you can help

You don't have to be a full-on committee member or commit a lot of time to help out the PTA – being available to spend a couple of hours to help paint faces at one of the end of term discos, helping light the fireworks (come on Dads, you know you want to!) or run the bouncy castle at the Summer Fete – it all helps!

Upcoming Events

Quiz Night is coming up on **Friday 9th March** – Start getting your teams together, more details to come next issue!

Our **Summer Fete** will be held on **Saturday 16th June** - If you are interested in running a stall, or would like to help out, please get in contact with the PTA.

With your help, we want to benefit our children, and local school, and

raise even more this year!

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to get involved please message us on the Swavesey PTA Facebook page or email us at swaveseyprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com

A Glance at the Past in December and January

From the Cambridge Chronicle

1796, 24 Dec. Absconded from the Parish. Having been drawn for the Supplementary Militia, J. M. about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high: brown hair: had on when he went away, a drill waistcoat, bearskin coat with a cape & collar & leather breeches. A reward of 20/- will be paid to whoever gives information to the Parish Constable.

1804, 22 Dec. Windmill for Sale with 2 Pair of Stones, well situated for trade at Swavesey. In substantial repair, & very good custom. Enquire Mr. Randall solicitor.

1840, 12 Dec. New Schoolroom. Grant of £50 towards building two new schoolrooms.

1843, 28 Jan. Burglary. On Sunday evening last thieves broke into the house of Mr. Cranbrook, a Dissenting Minister at Swavesey & stole three £5 notes, some silver spoons, other property amounting to £20. Two persons in the village were suspected but there was not enough evidence to warrant their apprehension.

1845, 27 Dec. Public Meeting. Hundred of Papworth meeting at the National Schoolrooms in Swavesey at 11 a.m. next Tuesday, to consider petitioning Parliament in favour of protection to British Industry. The High Constable of the Hundred, John Dodson Esq., will take the Chair and we doubt not that the feeling of the district will be strongly manifested on the occasion.

1850, 7 Dec. The Cold Plague. The disease continues to prevail in this village. Its symptoms are first shivering all over, and then pains in the head, and sometimes diarrhoea. It does not appear to be very fatal, although singularly enough it has carried off very many of those who had all the appearance of health about them in the one sex, and of beauty and good looks in the other.

1851, 11 Jan. Sanitation. On Tuesday last a vestry meeting was held at the White Horse Inn in this village for the purpose of taking into consideration the sanitary condition of the parish when it was agreed to appoint a committee to inspect and report upon all matters and things which have a prejudicial effect upon the health of the inhabitants. The ten members of the committee are now making every enquiry into the cause of the epidemic which has been raging for the past three months in this place.

1854, 21 Jan. Poor Relief. A meeting of the principal parishioners was held at the White Horse last Tuesday to consider the want of employment and the general distress among the labouring classes, and to devise some means for their relief. A mutual agreement was made by the farmers to take those so situated into their employ, and a subscription was entered upon, and £25 was raised.

1857, 3 Jan. Hair Breadth Escape. William Savage whilst oiling a horse threshing machine in motion when a piece of rag on his finger caught in the machine and he was dragged in and whirled around the spindle. Mr. Carter instantly took steps to stop the machine. Savage was rescued and his injuries included severe bruising and a cut chin.

1858, 16 Jan. Sunday School Treat. On Tuesday the Lady of the Hon. F. D. Ryder of Ickleford gave the children of the Sunday School and National School a treat of tea and plum cake in the Schoolrooms. Later she gave a supper for the Church singers & the scholars attending the night school in the village. About forty sat down to the latter. The ringers produced a hearty peal upon the Church bells.

1861, 12 Jan. Skating Match. On Tuesday a large crowd collected on the ice to enjoy the skating. A sum of 80/- was raised from the spectators for prizes. Sixteen competitors entered the racing matches, the winner being Charles Dodson. On Thursday many of the 'great guns' who had distinguished themselves at Houghton the day previous were invited to the running at Swavesey. Again a good sum of money was collected for prizes. Turkey Smart was the winner at the end of fifteen races, Charles Dodson was second, and Pearson, third. All the losers received a small sum of money for taking part.

1861, 19 Jan. Soup Fund. Due to efforts of some of the ladies, sufficient money has been raised to open a Soup Kitchen. Upwards of 140 families are supplied every week.

1864, 3 Dec. Small Pox. Has unfortunately made its appearance in this village, one case has been fatal.

1865, 30 Dec. New Vicarage. On Dec. 22nd twenty two workmen engaged on this met at the Chequers Inn to enjoy a supper prepared by Mrs. Mitham, and provided by the Vicar, to celebrate the roofing in of the new house. It will be some months before it is completed. Architect is Mr. W. M. Fawcett of Cambridge, and the contractor is Mr. J. Mitham of Swavesey.

1866, 13 Jan. Fall of a Windmill. Last Monday morning about 9.30 a post windmill standing beside the Swavesey to Fen Drayton Footway, belonging to Mr. J. Radford, was blown down. Two of Mr. Radford's sons were in the mill at the time but were able to jump clear. (Editor's note, this mill was located on the site of the car park at Hale Road allotments).

1866, 27 Jan. Cattle Plague. A few days ago the Cattle Plague made its first appearance in the village, although it has been hovering around some months in the neighbouring parishes. Two or three yards in Swavesey have been affected.

1867, 26 Jan. Grand Cricket Match on the Ice. Last Wednesday at Mare Fen Swavesey eleven men of Cambridge played twenty two from Swavesey & District. Cambridge scored 126 and Swavesey & Dist. 92.

1876, 22 Jan. The Late Floods. The Swavesey Committee applied to the Mansion House Relief Fund for assistance. There were three classes needing help. The farmers' losses amounted to £3,181. Labouring farmers whose few acres had been made profitless. Labourers whose allotments had been inundated. There were eighty one families affected by the latter two classes, and their losses were estimated at £700. A first grant of £200 to be equally divided between the labourers and the labouring farmers. A decision upon the amount for the farmers was postponed.

1887, 9 Dec. Allotments. Application by the labourers of this parish to St. Ives Sanitary Committee for allotments according to the provisions of the Allotments Act. The Rev. C.

F. Shaw and Mr. T. W. Carter were appointed as the deputies and they called a meeting in the National School, which was well attended. The Rev. Lushington was voted into the Chair, and the Rev. Shaw explained the provisions of the Act. After a short discussion in which Mr. W. Cole Sen., Dr. Ellis and Mr. W. A. Richman took part, it was agreed to apportion Galon's charity land in the Hale, and a field of Mr. Fowler's adjoining, The Foeffee & Mr. Fowler agreeing and the labourers being content to wait until proper notice to be given to the present tenants.

1897, 8 Jan. Bellringers enjoyed an excellent supper at the 'Priory', the residence of Mr. G. Long. Due to the kindness of Mr. Thomas Payne the widows and widowers received a gift of ½lb of tea and 1lb of sugar.

WORDSEARCH

BAKER	CARPENTER	GROCER	PILOT,
BARBER	CHEF	GUARD	PLUMBER
BLACKSMITH	DENTIST	MAID	SAILOR
BOSS	DOCTOR	MINER	TEACHER
BUTCHER	DRIVER	NURSE	VET

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Daisy Loveland. What happened next?

In 1963, when she was 83 years old, Daisy Loveland set down the story of her early life in Swavesey. She remembered a lot of fine detail and in five episodes from February to November 2017 Meridian readers were charmed by her style of reporting on life and events in Swavesey around 130 years ago. In 1880 Daisy's parents had moved from London where her two sisters, Patience and Annie had been born. Daisy was born in Swavesey and after her came Sadler and the twins, William and Harrold but Harrold died at three months. She ended her story in The Meridian with the abrupt comment "In 1896 our lives commenced a new episode – we were moving to Kingston-upon Thames. No doubt Father felt that village life had not enough as we were all growing up". To find out something of what happened after that The Meridian asked highly regarded family history researcher Rita O'Neill to check public records on Daisy.

Daisy Jane was born in 1880 at 80 Middle Watch, also known as London House, which is now the Costcutter Store. The shop is believed to have been built by Mr Edward Maris in 1860 and The Cambridgeshire Archive records that Daisy's father, John Loveland, rented it from Mrs Maris in 1880. Daisy enormously enjoyed growing up in Swavesey but much against her wishes, she had to leave with her family when she was 16 years old. She never forgot her very happy childhood years in the village.

By 1963, as Mrs Daisy Peters, she was 83 years old and living in Barnstaple in Devon. Her son Bernard recognised that she still had enormously fond and clear memories of her early life in Swavesey and he persuaded her to tell her story, which she set down in a beautifully handwritten document.

Daisy's father, John Loveland, was born in Guildford in 1850 and her mother, Harriet Smith, was born in Finsbury Park in 1846. They were married in the autumn of 1876. The 1901 census shows John and Harriet at 52 Richmond Road, Kingston with four of their children, Patience, Annie, Sadler and William plus Annie Smith, Harriet's younger sister. Daisy, then 20, was discovered elsewhere living at the home of Betsy Jenkins, 55, a stationer and bookseller at 9, St Mary's Street, Wallingford in Berkshire. Daisy is listed as a stationer's assistant. Betsy's niece Winifred aged 13, Florence, 23, domestic help and Martha, 15, general servant are also in the house.

In September 1905 Daisy married Alexander Hetalbird Peters who had been born in Hayle in Cornwall in 1880, the same year that Daisy was born in Swavesey, but who by 1901 was a boarder at the house of Elizabeth Simmon and worked as a clerk at the Post Office in High Street in Wallingford.

The 1911 census lists Daisy and Alexander living at 6, Croft Villas, Croft Road, Wallingford along with their daughter Violet, 4 and their first son Bernard aged 1 and their new born baby boy Leslie. The birth of another son, Geoffrey, was found in the 1917 registration of births.

Daisy's father and mother were still living at 52 Richmond Road, Kingston in 1911 along with two of their children, Patience and Sadler who, at 28, married Ada Adams in September of that year. No doubt Patience, the oldest at 33, was caring for their parents as they grew older. Both parents died in Kingston, mother Harriet in March 1922 aged 75 and father John in December 1923 aged 74.

The 1939 register records that Daisy and Alexander, both 59 by now, had moved to Valley View, Station Road, Amersham in Buckinghamshire where Alexander was Head Postmaster. Their eldest daughter, Violet (born 1907), had married Harold Evershed two years earlier and they were at the same address with Violet noted as doing domestic duties and also Gladys Peters, born in 1915 who was a telephonist at the General Post Office and who, enquiries suggest, was a niece on Alexander's side. The three boys, Bernard, Leslie and Geoffrey had left home by now.

Sometime after 1939 Daisy and Alexander moved to Ashbourne in Derbyshire where Alexander died in 1962 aged 81. Daisy moved again soon after her husband's death to be with her eldest son Bernard in Barnstaple in Devon. Despite living in several parts of the country during her lifetime she still very fondly remembered an enormous amount of fine detail about growing up in Swavesey seventy and more years earlier so in 1963, encouraged by her son, she wrote down her story. More than fifty years later it found its way into about eleven hundred homes in Swavesey via The Meridian magazine. Good for Daisy. She died in Barnstaple early in 1966 aged 85.

Researched by Rita O'Neill, Wallmans Lane

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

Well the summer break is over and South Cambs is working hard to prepare the action plan for next year. The financial cycle requires the plan to be developed over October and November so that the financial cost can be worked out, the council tax determined and the whole plan started on April 1st 2018.

My Health and Wellbeing portfolio, being newly established, has had to start from scratch but we have a really exciting programme planned - some of which we have found some money to start immediately. I am focusing on Social Isolation and introducing a range of ideas and activities to help Parish Councils and individuals to increase a sense of community. South Cambs already helps to sponsor, support and advise on the start up of activities such as Time Banking, repair workshops, physical activities such as walking groups and Gym sessions as well as coffee mornings and sports for children and young people. But I am aware that it is the enthusiasm of individuals and Parish Councils which actually make things work because every village is different, and has different assets and ambitions. So, the first action is to develop a Parish Council (or individual) toolkit which will answer the questions most asked when an idea is proposed. "where are they doing it well?", " who can I talk to?" "do I need DBS check?" "where can I get a grant ?" etc. I hope that this will enable /encourage and enthuse individuals leading to a growth in activity groups and opportunities for those who are lonely.

I am also looking at improving transport facilities in our northern villages. We are all concerned about the Whippet bus situation and even getting from Boxworth End to the Guided Bus is a significant issue, let alone going to a social event. The OWLS service is great but there is a shortage of volunteer drivers and people use the service to get to medical appointments etc. rather than social events. In my view transport is the single most difficult problem in getting people out of their homes to communal activities and reducing loneliness. I don't have a magic bullet but I am working on it!

I have a number of other ideas which have been agreed and I will tell you about them as they are launched.

The rest of the council is obsessed with planning applications, the local plan and the number of houses being built. Clearly these issues are affecting Swavesey more than most other villages with the appeals against the refusal decisions being heard. We await the outcome but I believe we are set to have at least 100 houses (which are already approved) in Middlewatch and we need to ensure that those people are drawn into our community and play a significant role in helping to determine the village we want in the future. Also, 40% of those homes will be "affordable" , we need to ensure the young people of the village have opportunity to move in.

If you need me to sort something, get advice or have a moan please ring me on 07774146331 or 01954 202923. (I am not planning a holiday in the near future so your quite safe. It was 1.30am in New Zealand when one resident rang me about refuse last month!).

Sue Ellington - South Cambs District Council
cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News September October 2017

COUNTY COUNCIL
The Local Highways Improvement Project will add an additional 40mph restriction on Ramper Road, on the approach to the village from just before the double bends closest to the village, through to the 30mph section. Public consultation has taken place and the work is to be carried out shortly.

The PC has submitted an LHI bid for the 2018-19 year for further safety improvements along Middle Watch-High Street around the School entrance.

Jetting tankers have been in the village to clear surface water drains in Boxworth End, Priory Ave and Over Road. A new gulley has been installed outside no.14 Blackhorse Lane to deal with a local problem.

Bollards are to be installed outside the newsagents in Market Street to safeguard pedestrians and improve security for the shop.

The fence alongside the Turnbridge footpath alongside the electrical substation is to be repaired by UK Power Networks the owners of the substation.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The PC is in discussion with the SCDC Rural Travel Hub project, which is working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and CCC to look at how public transport links between villages and established transport routes can be improved and surveys around the busway car park are underway.

It is hoped that an A14 community grant will provide moveable speed monitoring signs to be shared by villages affected by the A14 to monitor and modify driver behaviour. A location in Boxworth End has been selected as a suitable location for a trial of the signs during this autumn.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
The PC is in discussion with the Stakeholder Manager, of the A14 improvement team concerning surface water drainage. The PC has raised concerns and will be following up outcomes. (Full details can be seen in the minutes of the October 12th. meeting on the village website)

A community project sponsored by the A14 team may help with clearing vegetation from the village ponds this winter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
The PC is still trying to recruit volunteers to a Village Speedwatch Group. We now have three people trained and are liaising with the Police re suitable locations for Speedwatch sessions. More volunteers are still required so please contact the Parish Council if you would like to help with this.

The PC is hoping that a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the village will be in place soon.

COUNCIL NEWS

VILLAGE MATTERS
BT has now transferred the ownership of the two red telephone kiosks to the Parish Council for community use. A consultation has taken place and options for their use will be published shortly.

The PC has completed the sale of land north of Turnbridge Court. It has also acquired some other small parcels of land which can now be maintained by the PC.

Permission has been given to the Swavesey Festival to hold an open air theatrical production on Market Street Green on Friday 6th July 2018 as part of the festival.

DRAINAGE
Mr Wilderspin and the Clerk held a meeting on the 18th September with the Environment Agency which was attended by our MP Heidi Allen. The outcome was extremely disappointing as the EA are no longer intending to raise the river bank but are proposing other minor improvements which they claim will safeguard areas of the village. The PC continues to press for the most effective solutions and is seeking full access to all of the EA papers and figures relating to the discussions.

PLANNING
The planning application for 70 new homes on land to the rear of 130 Middle Watch/south of Whitton Close was granted permission by the Appeal Inspector in July.

The Appeal Hearing for the application for up to 99 new homes on land south of Fen Drayton Rd/Gibraltar Lane was heard in September, the outcome is awaited..

The Gladman/Burgess Development proposals for Dairy Farm are going to appeal. The PC will attend the appeal to put our case for refusal.

The application for up 56 new homes on land north of Fen Drayton Rd/west of Moat Way has been submitted and will be considered by SCDC we believe in December.

A number of other applications were discussed.

Details of the discussions on all planning applications can be found in the meeting minutes on the PC website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
The Neighbourhood Planning Group is making good progress through this project. Consultation with local groups has been taking place over the past 3 or so months and an initial survey to identify major issues and concerns has been completed. Professional support is now being taken on to help with grant funding towards major consultation during 2018, which will lead to the writing up of the Policies to be included in the Plan.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council
Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Bin Caddy

Please note as from 11th December you no longer need to separate your paper for the blue bin and can place it directly into the bin. The caddy is no longer needed.

St Andrew's Church
Services and Events
December 2017

3rd	11:00 AM Holy Communion. 4:30 PM Christingle.
10th	8:00 AM Holy Communion (BCP). 11:00 AM Benefice Holy Communion.
17th	11:00 AM Holy Communion.
24th	11:00 AM Holy Communion 4:00 PM Crib Service. 11:30 PM Midnight Mass Holy Communion.
25th	11:00 AM Family Service with Holy Communion.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Roman-Catholic Parish
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 5JT
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Our Lady of La Salette (English, Polish, Italian)

Parish Priest: Father Karol Porczak MS

Tel: 01480 462 192
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00AM	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Priest in Charge or the Team Administrator:

Priest in Charge.
Revd. Julie Anderson.
Telephone: 01954 231496 or
Email: julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk.

Team Administrator.
Gillian Beal.
Telephone: 01954 203459
(Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell.
Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington
Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street
Telephone: 01954 or Email: street.el@virginmedia.com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

Children of all ages are very welcome at St Andrews for those over 5 we hold a Youth Group each week, Branches, during the 11 AM service. Except, the 4th Sunday of the month when an All Age Service is held and the children take part in the service. For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have bags of books and toys for use during the services.

Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings fortnightly before the 11 AM service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know what we are doing please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE
All WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!
10:45 am each week
with activities for children of all ages

First Sunday in the Month:
Church around the coffee table
Why not come and try it?

Celebrate Christmas with us at Bethel

Saturday 23rd Dec — Swavesey Christmas Carols on the village Green at 6:00pm

Sunday 24th Dec — Sunday Service at 10:45am

Monday 25th Dec
Christmas Day Celebration Service at 10:45am

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS
Explorers and Adventurers
Fun and Games for Children in Keystages 1 and 2

Come and Join us at **6:30pm on Mondays** for an hour of fun activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories, music and discussions.

Survivors now meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

the Hub @ Bethel

Open Access Youth Café for Students

(School years 6 to 8)

Wireless Internet Access / Music / XBox / Wii /
Tuck Shop / Table Tennis

and many more activities

Fridays 7pm to 9pm
(Parents are required to sign and return consent form)

For more information: *contact Revd. David Mann, our minister at: minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458*

GIVE YOUR FINANCES A NEW YEAR MAKEOVER

Trained members of one of the churches in Swavesey are ready to help you gain control of your money matters with free sessions. Early in 2018, Bethel Baptist Church will be running the popular CAP Money Course, which teaches a simple cash-based system that helps people know how to build a household budget in a matter of weeks.

John Snead of Bethel said: "Many of us will have used credit cards or dipped into the overdraft to pay for Christmas. Our message is: please don't struggle on! Now really is the best time to put things in order and we can help to get your head in gear and take the practical steps to sort things out.

"When you know what you have in your account, and you know where it's going, you can plan for any big expenses like car repairs and the stress is taken away."

A team from Bethel Church gained training from UK charity Christians Against Poverty to put on the courses that now see more than 10,000 people gain money management skills each year. A total of 14 people attended courses at Bethel during 2017.

One person who went on the course said: "I heard about the CAP Money Course from a friend. I wanted to pay off my credit card and stay out of my overdraft. It changed my life! I never thought it could be so easy, but the CAP Money system is so simple."

John said: "Around three quarters of the people who turn to Christians Against Poverty for debt help across the UK say they had problem debt, partly because they didn't have any tuition in budgeting and money management.

"We would rather people in our area have the skills to avoid serious debt problems and the best thing about the CAP Money system is that it's flexible, so as your income or outgoings change, it can help you stay on top."

The course will take place on 3 Tuesday evenings in January & February 2018, at Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey. To book your place, email capmoney@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or call John Snead on 01954 230677

For more about the course see https://capuk.org/i-want-help/cap-money-course/introduction

The CAP Money Course is the biggest provider of adult face-to-face money tuition in the UK. The free help is for everyone regardless of age, gender, faith or background.

Christians Against Poverty is determined to reduce hardship in the UK, through the local Church. It does this through 576 poverty fighting services, including 306 Debt Centres, 163 Job Clubs, 71 Release Groups and 36 Life Skills courses, helping people develop basic financial and practical skills. It also trains churches to run hundreds of CAP Money Courses every year. *All the services are given freely regardless of age, gender, faith or background.*

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

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Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington to book your Thursday:
sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2018:

29th March, 31st May, 30th August & 29th November

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There is a little surplus money left in the kitty at the end of each year. If you are a village group fundraising for a particular item, or would like a little extra cash for your group then please contact caroline@overroad.co.uk

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. **See** http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ **or Email:** clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows — Thurs — caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies — Mon — brownowl1@virginmedia.com Swavesey Guides — Thurs — swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows — Mon & Tue Over Brownies — Wed & Thurs Over Guides — Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact Heather Maloney e: hjmalonev@googlemail.com Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact Lisa Boyes e: windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact Jim Burling e: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues, contact Lynda Mayer e: s.mayer@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swavesevandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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35 Carters Way, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB4 5RZ

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR EVENTS

Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.
Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

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Doctor's Surgery (Over)	01954-231550	
Police:		www.cambs.police.uk
Emergency	999	
All Non Emergency Calls	101	
Swavesey Neighbourhood Watch	07830 110062	www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-watch/
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Community Office	01954-230373	
Swavesey Post Office	01954-232311	
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Library Service	0345 045 5225	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries
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Electricity (UK Power Networks): Emergencies	0800-7838838	www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk
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Water (Cambridge Water Company):	01223-706050	www.cambridge-water.co.uk
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Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0845 988 1188	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
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Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954-210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk

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Swavesey RADSOC presents our 2018 pantomime...

By Paul Barron & Sarah Dyson

By arrangement with LazyBee Scripts

Once upon a time...

Swavesey Village College

January

Friday 19th - 7:30 pm

Saturday 20th - 2:30 & 7:30 pm

Sunday 21st - 2:30 pm

Single & Family Tickets Available!

Book online at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or Contact 07504 552870

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Sing and listen to
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St Andrews Church
Swavesey

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